

A NEW GENUS OF EMBIOPTERA FROM THE WEST INDIES

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The following description is presented at this time to make the name available for use by Mr. Consett Davis of Australia in a paper to appear before my revision of the North American Embioptera, now in press. A fuller consideration, accompanied by illustrations of the characters of the component species will be included in this revision.

Genus *Mesembia* Ross, new genus

Oligotoma, Myers, 1928, Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 23:89.

Males: Winged; medium to large sized. *Head* with eyes large; mandibles small, short, apices acutely pointed, non-dentate. *Wings* large; venation oligotomoid; pigment bands broad, dark; hyaline stripes narrow, clearly, sharply defined. *Hind basitarsi* with but one bladder. *Terminalia* with tenth tergite divided sub-medially, each of the thus-formed hemitergites bearing distinct caudal process; process of hypandrium not prominent; left cercus two-segmented, the basal segment with an echinulate nodule on inner side; left cercus-basipodite not prominent, ventral. *Females*: No mature examples available for study.

Genotype: *Oligotoma hospes* Myers, *ibid.*, fig. 1.

Distribution: West Indies.

The two-segmented echinulate left cercus in combination with the oligotomoid wing venation will distinguish *Mesembia* from all other known genera. Besides its type, *hospes* of Cuba, this genus also contains a new species from Haiti which will be described later.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Among the well-known and beloved members of the world entomological fraternity who have passed away during the year 1939, are: Walther Horn, Director of the Deutsches Entomologisches Institut, on July 10, 1939, at the age of 59; Commander J. J. Walker, editor of the Entomologist's Monthly Magazine, on January 12, 1939, at the age of 87; W. E. Britton, State Entomologist of Connecticut, on February 15, 1939, at the age of 70; H. H. Karny, versatile Austrian entomologist, on August 7, 1939, at the age of 53; and Royal N. Chapman, newly appointed dean of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota, in November, 1939.—By R. L. Usinger.